

John Harris Home
4000 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri
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PROJECT NO. 31-16 - JOHN HARRIS HOUSE

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Date of Erection 1844
Number of Drawings 11

Owned by the Harris Home Assn.
Occupied by Mrs. Ada Greenwood MacLaughlin
and maintained as a museum.

This house is of brick, two stories
in height, and in very good condition.

John Harris was the owner of the Harris
Hotel, the last stopping place of west-
ward bound pioneers before leaving civil-
ization. His home and farm were the head-
quarters for wagon trains preparing to go
West. It was a center for society of the
early days in Westport.

Some of the visitors of the home were
Colonel and Mrs. John C. Fremont, Washington
Irving, Captain Sutter (discoverer of gold),
Colonel Henry Ellsworth, Kit Carson, Francis
Parkman, Doniphan and Kearney, Daniel Boone,
Senator Benton, and others.

The home was located on the Santa Fe Trail,
and experienced all the activity of its day.
During the Civil War, it was used as head-
quarters for the Union Army and after the
Battle of Westport it was used as a hospital.
It also served as barracks for the army.

Historical data supplied by Mrs. Ada G. McLaughlin

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